

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, The city of Belle Fourche was incorporated on April 20, 1903, starting as a railroad center for shipping of cattle from the tri-state area of Wyoming, Montana, and western South Dakota; and,

Whereas, In the early 1900s, Orman Dam was built under the Reclamation Act, and for many years was acclaimed as the largest earthen dam in the world, providing irrigation to sugar beet fields and allowing the operation of a sugar-processing factory until 1965; and,

Whereas, Many of the local buildings are constructed of brick produced from the rich clay soil in the area, and others are built of sand stone mined a short distance away. Bentonite is also mined nearby and is a product used in the production of makeup, food products, and forest fire retardant, just to name a few items; and,

Whereas, Belle Fourche is proud of its agricultural heritage in the raising of sheep to supply their two wool houses, dairy cattle, beef production and crop irrigation; and,

Whereas, The residents of Belle Fourche are diligent in their efforts to make their city a great place for individuals from all walks of life and all ages to live, work, raise a family, and retire, and they pride themselves for their warm and friendly hospitality; and,

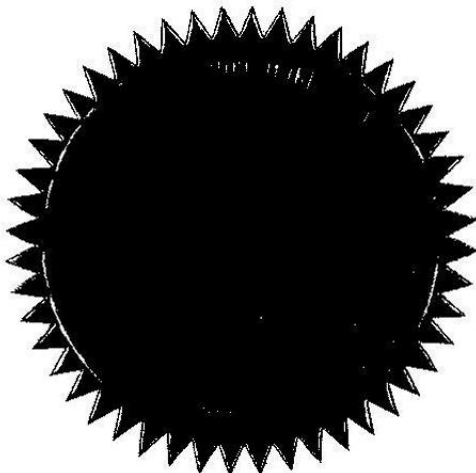
Whereas, On April 21, 2003, the centennial celebration began with an open house at the city hall; and,

Whereas, The city of Belle Fourche will continue its year-long centennial celebration in conjunction with the 84th Annual Black Hills Round Up to be held July 2-4, 2003, which will also include the Miss Rodeo South Dakota Pageant, the Junior Miss Rodeo South Dakota Pageant, band concert, 10-K run, carnival, class reunions, family reunions, band reunion, mile-long parade, and much more:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim the year 2003, as

BELLE FOURCHE CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION YEAR

in South Dakota.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Nineteenth Day of May in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Three.

M. Michael Rounds
M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Ch. Nelson
Chris Nelson, Secretary of State